

SECRET**DPD-2949-59****1 May 1959****MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Operations Branch, DPD****SUBJECT : Participation in Civil Defense Relocation Exercise****REFERENCE: CHAL EWP Operational Plan (CHAL-0438, 22 Dec 58)**

1. The Deputy Director (Plans) has requested that DPD participate in the general Agency emergency relocation plan which has been in effect for several years. A full-scale exercise is to be conducted in August 1959 in which we would be expected to join.

2. One of the major problems facing us is the identification of those key personnel required from the Division who will take part in this and subsequent exercises. There is a further problem connected with the limitation of space and billets at the Agency relocation center. I understand that the quota for the DD/P area is [REDACTED] 25X1
As I see it, then, our problem breaks down into two parts: (a) the identification of those persons required to support the CHALICE effort in terms of our responsibilities under the SAC EWP concept, which calls for the maintenance of a CHALICE capability for a period of several months following the outbreak of any hostilities until CHALICE assets could be absorbed into the SAC establishment. This, of course, would mean the maintenance of a 24-hour, 7 day a week, operating capability. (b) Identification of those persons required to support such conventional air activities as might be required under CIA wartime responsibilities. This would be primarily limited to the maintenance of an air logistics capability, an [REDACTED] capability 25X1
perhaps together with specialized air activities utilizing Agency air assets normally stockpiled for deniable limited warfare purposes.

3. While we have not been assigned a quota of positions in the relocation center, it is obvious that we need a fairly accurate estimate of our manning situation in view of what will undoubtedly be a disproportionate number of slots needed to meet the requirements implicit in para. 2 (a) and (b), above. Personnel designated to participate in Operation "Alert" and its successor operations will be given special Civil Defense documentation allowing them to proceed without difficulty to the relocation center. I should mention here that the relocation center concept includes the stationing of women as well as men there if they are required in the normal course of

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the mission. Since the Operations Branch holds the key, in large measure, to our numerical estimate, I should like to request that you and your staff undertake a study of your projected requirements with special emphasis upon the following points: (a) What is the minimum of personnel required to maintain the CHALICE operations capability during the interim period until SAC is able to take over? This would of course include communications personnel as well as control center types. I have been advised that the Chief, Communications Section, has already deposited at the center the basic tapes required to provide communications services. (b) Do you anticipate that a compartmented operations control center will be required, given obvious limitations on space and equipment which will prevail at the center? (c) Assuming a requirement to maintain an operational capability with normal Agency assets in combat-ready status, including such aircraft as may be stockpiled for DLW, how many Air Section types will be required? (d) What, if any, special supplies such as target folders, WAC charts, plotting instruments, etc., should be pre-positioned at the center and in what quantities? Please note any other specialized requirements of this nature which should be included. (e) What special considerations should be given to the maintenance of the present weather forecasting capability provided by our WECEN communications link?

4. The other branches of DPD will be solicited separately for their requirements but in some measure the number of people they will be able to request will be controlled by the overriding necessity of maintaining the operational capability, possibly at the cost of other supporting functions. An outside chance exists that if our minimum requirements prove to be exceedingly disproportionate, an effort may be made to incorporate at least the CHALICE portion of our emergency capability into the USAF relocation center.

5. In view of the deadline imposed by the forthcoming Operation "Alert" in August and the probable necessity for negotiating our requirements, I would appreciate it if you would consider the deadline for submission of your preliminary estimates to be COB, 15 May 1959. Should there be any questions, I will be glad to discuss the matter with whomever you select as case officer for the requirement.

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